

## CONCORDIA COUNCIL ON STUDENT LIFE

Minutes of a meeting held in Room 769, Hall Building, SGW Campus at 12:00 noon on Friday, 10 April 1992.

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**PRESENT:** Donald L. Boisvert, Chair, Mohammed Ahsan, Peter Côté, Roger Côté, Brian Counihan, Hernani Farias, Sup Mei Graub, Nick Kaminaris, Ann Kerby, Apurna Kurupati, Bluma Litner, Janet Mrenica, Bob Philip, Nancy Torbit, Kathy McDonald, Secretary.

**ABSENT:** Lana Grimes, Marlis Hubbard, Connie Morales, Charlene Nero, Brahm Rosensweig.

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### 1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously adopted with the addition under New Business of the item "Accounting for the Environment".

### 2. Remarks from the Chair

Dr. Boisvert stated that he did not have any remarks at this time. Rather, he did wish to introduce the Vice-Rector, Services Dr. Bertrand to CCSL.

Dr. Bertrand made a brief presentation to Council. His comments focused on the opening of the new library as an opportunity to clean up the physical environment of Concordia. He wished to enlist the support of students in a formal campaign to clean up the physical environment in September, 1992, and in order to do this, Dr. Bertrand indicated that input and feedback from CCSL would be necessary.

Dr. Bertrand then stated his support for Dr. Boisvert and the Student Services Directors and wished to underline his personal support for the area of Student Life as an important part of the Vice-Rector, Services' mandate. He stated that he is available to listen and willing to carry forward necessary information to the Board of Governors on behalf of the CCSL.

Dr. Boisvert asked if there were any questions, and as there were none, he thanked Dr. Bertrand on behalf of Council and returned to the agenda.

### 3. Adoption of the Minutes

A correction was made to page 5 of the minutes under the heading The Role of the Task Force to Include: The word item was changed to inter in the second paragraph on the page.

On a motion by Nick Kaminaris, seconded by Janet Mrenica, the minutes of the

27 March 1992 meeting were unanimously adopted.

4. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

a) **Proposed 1992/3 Student Services Operating Budget**

Dr. Boisvert reviewed the documents related to the budget discussion namely, the detailed budget breakdowns by Student Services Directorate, as well as the staff listings.

Dr. Boisvert then proposed a review of the goals and objectives as outlined for the various Departments and followed by an open discussion on the budget details.

Janet Mrenica stated that the documents had been very useful and suggested that we approach the discussion on the goals and objectives Department by Department.

Nick Kaminaris asked about the 'fit' between short and long-term goals. Dr. Boisvert indicated that at this time there is not a clear delineation between these two sets of goals, but as the Student Services Sector evolves these distinctions will be elaborated.

**Review of Goals and Objectives**

A detailed review of the 1992/93 goals and objectives, by individual Department, took place. Questions were asked in order to clarify the intent of some of the statements, and to ascertain properly the relationship between these goals and objectives and the proposed 1992/93 operating budget. Generally, it was noted that the goals and objectives, insofar as they are short-term in their impact, are reflective of student needs.

Nick Kaminaris moved, seconded by Janet Mrenica, to receive and endorse the 1992/93 goals and objectives as outlined by the Directors. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Review and Approval of 1992/93 Operating Budget**

A detailed Department-by-Department review of the individual budgets also took place. Many questions were asked, concerned primarily with clarifying increases in certain categories, as well as shifts in funding support. Dr. Boisvert reminded Council that this is the first full year (1992/93) that a budget reflects the revised Student Services structure, and that certain adjustments were required because of this. The projected revenue situation was clarified, as was the CCSL Transfer Fund.

With reference to the Transfer Fund, Council expressed some concern about the apparent lack of accountability for some of the projects which are funded, notably the CUSA Off-Campus Housing service. It was agreed that before

monies are transferred for 1992/93, the Chair of Council will ask for detailed reports. Brian Counihan added that he would table a report concerning the funding of student projects.

In the course of the discussion, it was noted that minor corrections needed to be made to the budgeted figures of Advocacy and support services, Dean of Students and Health Services.

Bluma Litner moved, seconded by Nick Kaminaris, to accept the 1992-1993 Student Services operating budget with the modifications as identified. The motion was approved unanimously.

Nick Kaminaris offered congratulations to the Directors on a job well done.

Bob Philip expressed concern regarding the projected revenue target for the 1992/93 fiscal year in Recreation and Athletics. He emphasized the need for support from the student body for events such as the Cory Cup. He went on to state that there is a strong need to solidify relationships with the Alumni Office as their cooperation is required.

b) Other Business Arising

Dr. Boisvert asked if there were any further motions on the Budget.

Nick Kaminaris responded that it is now time to detail the conditions for budgetary control. Dr. Boisvert replied that flexibility is also a necessity, since the bottom-line is the key. Nick Kaminaris asked how much the Directors should be accountable to Council and then asked for direction as to how we should proceed. Dr. Boisvert stated that currently, Directors confer with his office when re-allocations within their budget are required but that Council also has an important role to play in terms of the budget. Nick Kaminaris asked if it was possible to have a half-year report that deals with all requests for re-allocation.

Council discussed the benefits and difficulties in seeking approval from CCSL for adjustments made during the fiscal year to the approved budgets. It was determined that the Directors, in collaboration with Dr. Boisvert would develop recommendations for Council on this issue. Dr. Boisvert will table a proposal for consideration by Council at its next meeting. He also indicated that it is his intention to table statements from the previous fiscal year for Council to review in the fall of 1992.

5. Report from the Planning and Resources Committee

Bob Philip commented that he will meet with Dr. Boisvert to discuss the terms and direction of the Committee on Athletic Facilities. There was a brief

discussion regarding the availability of committee members at this time of the year. It was agreed that regardless of this concern, the activities of the Committee on Athletic Facilities should proceed. The issues regarding Financial Aid and Awards are not urgent, and as such these can be dealt with by Council in the fall. Mr. Philip will survey the Planning and Resources Committee members regarding their availability to attend a closing meeting for this term, if necessary.

## **6. New Business**

Dr. Boisvert asked Nick Kaminaris to deal with the issue that was added to the agenda on Accounting for the Environment. Mr. Kaminaris explained that this is a new project that resulted from a recently held conference on the environment, and it would require students working with corporations on environmental issues. He moved, seconded by Brian Counihan, that Council support this project in principle. The motion was passed unanimously.

## **7. Reports from Directors**

Janet Mrenica asked if she could report on the showing of "A Kind of Family". She said that the première was a great success with over 600 people in attendance and thanked all those who provided support and assistance.

### Recreation and Athletics

Bob Philip commented that the Athletic Awards banquet was very successful. He also said that all but the Women's Hockey team have completed their competitive seasons. Mr. Philip informed Council that the University has offered to host the 1st. Junior National Women's Ice Hockey Championships in February of 1993.

Nick Kaminaris thanked Mr. Philip for the contributions he made to the Department of Recreation and Athletics during his many years of service.

### Financial Aid and Awards

Roger Côté informed Council that the Work Study Programme is currently being reviewed by the provincial Government as a possible model for itself. He indicated that to date the reports have been very favourable.

Nick Kaminaris asked about the status of the scholarship programme. Mr. Côté said that he expects the current year levels of funding to be maintained. He went on to indicate that there will be increased coordination of procedures with the Admissions Office.

### Advocacy and Support Services

Ann Kerby commented on the success of the International Student Advisor's Homestay programme. She also said that at this somewhat difficult time of year, the Campus Ministry is very busy. She indicated that the work of the Task Force dealing with improving access for disabled students is nearing its final recommendation stage and the Task Force on Gay and Lesbian Life is beginning its work.

### Dean of Students

Brian Counihan stated that the CCSL Awards night was very successful and enjoyable. He thanked the members of the organizing committee for their support and hard work. He then announced the upcoming Non-Academic Convocation awards. Mr. Counihan said that there are medals to be awarded to special graduating students. The deadline for nomination is May 1, 1992 and nominations are to be sent to the Registrar's Office.

### Health Services

Nancy Torbit informed Council that the Quebec Government now provides medication for sexually transmitted diseases and health services will dispense this medication as required. Ms. Torbit commented on the proposal by the Quebec Government to restrict mammograms to selected target groups and she felt strongly that this action will be detrimental to the health of women.

### Counselling and Development

Dr. Graub reported on the Committee on Students in Academic Jeopardy. She stated that the work of the Committee is progressing and that a programme is expected to be available by June of 1992. Dr. Graub then mentioned that it is the end of this year's internship programme and that next year's interns have been selected.

Nick Kaminaris asked about the leadership workshop and Dr. Graub indicated that she expects to offer this seminar in the spring, in cooperation with the Dean of Students.

Mr. Kaminaris then asked about the progress of the Employment Services committee. Dr. Graub said that the last meeting was cancelled and that discussions with Government have been re-opened.

## **8. Next Meeting**

Dr. Boisvert pointed out that traditionally, the budget meeting is the final meeting of the year and asked if Council wishes to meet again in May. Council decided

that a late afternoon meeting held on the 22nd of May, to be followed by a social, would be agreeable.

9. **Termination of Meeting**

Dr. Boisvert asked if there were any other items for discussion. He then thanked Council for their patience, and in dealing with the budget in such an efficient and effective manner.

The meeting was terminated at this point.